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Title: A Distributed Network
Communication System
which Enables Multiple
Network Providers to use a
Common Distributed
Network Infrastructure

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2002, to
further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.